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With a leader bold and true, Whose heart knows no dismay, On its starry field of blue, Biazons forth our HARRY CLAY.

Let traitors do their worst— Let fell division rave— Mid the battle's fiercest burst, That standard shall wave— In the might of freedom's wrath, Against treason's deadly array, We will follow in our path Of our gallant HARRY CLAY.

In the dark time of yore, When strong men met and fought, He braved the fiercest roar And stood the loud blast; And a nation's grateful heart Has cherished since that day, The remembrance of the part Borne by gallant HARRY CLAY.

Ring out the loud hurrah! Ring forth the joyous strain! From every hill and dale, Comes the echo again— Yet again, for the Statesman pure, Who never goes astray, Whom power cannot allure— Our glorious HARRY CLAY.

Fill, fill the flowing bowl, To our Union the first— Again with heart and soul Send around the toast To our time-worn, honored Chief, And this his natal day. We'll forget not HARRY CLAY.

Among the distinguished strangers whom we noticed at the table were Hon. JAMES COOPER of Pennsylvania and Hon. ROBERT B. CRANSTON of Rhode Island. Several letters were read from invited guests, who were not able to attend the festival, including HENRY CLAY, President TAYLOR, Vice President FILLMORE, Ex-President VAN BUREN, Hon. J. M. BOOTS, General WOOD, Hon. C. M. CONRAD, GEORGE B. BROWN, and WILLIAM PRESIDENT SMITH. We must limit ourselves to the insertion of only a part of the letters.

LETTER FROM HON. HENRY CLAY. WASHINGTON, Friday, April 3, 1850. I have received your friendly letter, communicating your purpose to celebrate my birthday, occurring the 12th inst. by a public dinner, at Niblo's, in the City of New-York, and am glad to hear that you are so anxious to do so.

Language is incompetent to express the depth of my obligation, or the extent of my gratitude for this renewed manifestation of the affection and attachment which are so kindly borne toward me. And I appreciate the more, because I understand it to be your intention to make the occasion to express your devotion to the Union and Country of these States. That sentiment should be the strongest and uppermost in every American bosom, as I am delighted to believe is the fact in regard to the citizens of all parties in the City of New-York.

Duties, gentlemen, which I have to perform in respect to that Union, in the Senate of the U. States, will not allow me to accept of your kind invitation. But I beg leave to tender to yourselves and your associates my respectful and cordial acknowledgments for the signal honor intended to be conferred on me.

Your friend and obedient servant, H. CLAY.

LETTER FROM ZACHARY TAYLOR. WASHINGTON, March 20, 1850. To DANIEL ULLMAN and others, Committee: Clay Festival Association, New-York. Gentlemen: I have the pleasure to acknowledge your favor of the 11th inst. inviting me to attend a public dinner to be given by the Association on the 12th April, the Anniversary of the birthday of Mr. Clay.

LETTER FROM MILLARD FILLMORE. WASHINGTON, Thursday, March 21, 1850. GENTLEMEN: It is with extreme regret that I have to inform you that my official duties will not allow me to be present at the dinner to be given by the Association on the 12th April, the Anniversary of the birthday of Mr. Clay.

LETTER FROM MARTIN VAN BUREN. New-York, Monday, April 10, 1850. Gentlemen: I have the pleasure to acknowledge your polite invitation in behalf of the "Clay Festival Association," and to express my regret that it will not be in my power to comply with your request.

LETTER FROM WINFIELD SCOTT. New-York, Monday, April 10, 1850. Gentlemen: I have the honor to receive your kind invitation to attend the dinner to be given, on the 12th inst. by the Clay Festival Association, in celebration of the anniversary of the birthday of Mr. Clay.

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